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**From:** Enck, Judith [Enck.Judith@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 6/9/2016 6:37:54 PM  
**To:** Simon, Paul [Simon.Paul@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Re: Petersburg

# Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 9, 2016, at 2:23 PM, Simon, Paul <[Simon.Paul@epa.gov](mailto:Simon.Paul@epa.gov)> wrote:

Judith – a resident of Petersburg who is concerned about the PFOA contamination there contacted the state with questions about testing soil for PFOA and about any risks posed by eating garden vegetables. The state referred the inquiry to EPA, and ERRD and DESA sent the resident some info. See the bottom two emails below. The resident then followed up with two pointed emails (the top 2 emails below) which we haven't responded to yet. I am proposing that Larisa send the resident an email that says as follows. I've already run this by Pat, Angela, Mary, Larisa, Doug P. and Susan Schulz:

# Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

"Sincerely,

Larisa W. Romanowski

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Is this response ok with you?

-----Original Message-----

**From:** KATHLEEN SHARE **Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy**  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 07, 2016 11:48 AM

To: Staiger, Kimberly <Staiger.Kimberly@epa.gov>  
Cc: Zachos, George <Zachos.George@epa.gov>; Bourbon, John  
<bourbon.john@epa.gov>; james.quinn@dec.ny.gov  
Subject: Re: FW: PFOA/PFOS - citizen request

You folks are very quiet about this important question. Maybe Taconic reported their high levels 10 years ago and the ball was dropped by our government agencies.

On Thu, 02 Jun 2016 17:54:38 -0400  
"KATHLEEN SHARE" **Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy** wrote:

Hello Kim,

Thank you for the additional information.

We would like to address the elephant in the room. Why did the New York State Department of Health, DEC and EPA allow Taconic Plastics in Petersburg NY to 'band-aid' the PFOA problem at their factories in 2005 but did not contact or alert the Petersburg community of the extremely high levels until it was revealed ten years later?

Who are you serving? How are you protecting us by not serving us?

Ira and Kathleen Share  
Hunter and Isaac Share  
103 River Road  
Petersburgh New York

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> On Wed, 1 Jun 2016 18:35:13 +0000  
> "Staiger, Kimberly" <Staiger.Kimberly@epa.gov> wrote:

>> Hello,

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>> I wanted to follow up and provide you with some additional contacts  
>>for any questions you may have about PFOA in Petersburg, NY. The Town  
>>of Petersburg, NY has a webpage dedicated to updating residents about  
>>PFOA in water. Currently there is no information on the Site about  
>>PFOA in soils; however, the Site is updated daily and contains a lot  
>>of information about PFOAs and sampling performed in the Town of  
>>Petersburgh. <http://petersburgh.org/content/Generic/View/18>

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>> If you have any additional questions about the Taconic Plastics site  
>>or PFOA in Petersburg, you can also call the New York State Hoosick  
>>Falls hotline at (800) 801-8092. This hotline was established to keep  
>>the public informed, and staff can address questions about both  
>>Hoosick Falls and Petersburg.

>> If you have any questions or concerns, please give me a call at  
>>(732) 452-6415 or (888) 283-7626.

>> Thank you,

>> Kim

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>> Kimberly Staiger

>> EPA Region 2

>> Office of Regional Public Liaison

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>>From: Bourbon, John

>> Sent: Thursday, May 26, 2016 5:41 PM

>> To:

>><share@...>: **Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy**

>> Subject: PFOA/PFOS - citizen request

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>> I've attached a couple of documents - one that has a section on  
>>impacts to gardening/farming and a second that is a research study on  
>>levels/criteria in soil and other matrices. Also, I have included a  
>>couple of links as a Q&A we developed when working on Hoosick Falls.

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>> <https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/drinking-water-health-advisories-pfoa-and-pfos>

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>> <https://www.epa.gov/ny/hoosick-falls-water-contamination>

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>> Is it OK to eat vegetables from my garden?

>> To EPA's knowledge, no gardens in Hoosick Falls have been tested for  
>>PFOA. In general, a number of studies have evaluated the absorption  
>>into plants of the whole class of perfluorinated compounds (of which  
>>PFOA is one). Absorption into plants depends on the size of the  
>>particular perfluorinated compound and its chemistry. Smaller  
>>compounds have more uptake. PFOA is a relatively large compound and  
>>has lower uptake.

>> Absorption also differs by the type of produce. Root vegetables that  
>>grow in the ground and leafy green vegetables (for example, lettuce)  
>>generally have greater absorption of chemicals, including PFOA. Root  
>>and leafy vegetables also tend to adhere soil to the surface of the  
>>produce. If PFOA is found in soil, thoroughly washing root and leafy  
>>green vegetables with bottled water will further reduce the minimal  
>>exposure to PFOA from growing produce in soil contaminated with PFOA  
>>and/or watering produce gardens with PFOA contaminated water. One  
>>could also peel root vegetables prior to consumption.

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